

## **PRESS RELEASE TO BE USED BY YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER**

GOLD STAR WIVES OF AMERICA, INC. an organization of military widows/ers, congressionally chartered, is reaching out to spouses of veterans who may be unaware they are entitled to benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)

**If you have ever been married to** someone who died while serving his or her country on active duty, or died of his/her service connected disability, **and are not married now** you may be eligible for Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) in the amount of \$967 per month. You may, also be eligible for medical benefits including prescription drugs.

For remarried widows/ers of service persons who died on active duty or of a service connected disability, **if you remarried after the age 57**, you may be eligible to receive Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) in the amount of \$967 per month. You may, also be eligible to also receive a medical benefit from CHAMPVA. For those who married prior to the passage of the bill in 2004 **you only have until Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 to apply**. The spouse that remarries now after age 57 will be eligible for medical benefit from CHAMPVA that includes prescription drugs.

For remarried widows/ers of service persons who died on active duty or of a service connected disability, **if you remarried after the age of 55** you may be eligible to receive a medical benefit from CHAMPVA. For those who married prior to the passage of the bill in 2003 **you only have until Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 to apply**. The spouse that remarries now after age 55 will be eligible for this Medical benefit that includes prescription drugs.

For more information, contact your local Veterans Affairs Office,  
visit the VA Website: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

Contact the VA at their toll Free number: 1 800 827 1000

Contact Gold Star Wives of America Telephone: 1-888-751-6350

Visit the Web Site: [www.goldstarewives.org](http://www.goldstarewives.org)

Leave your name, Email, phone number and brief message and someone will contact you.